

RESOLUTION NO. RS2019-1650

A resolution honoring the service and conduct of Shannon Hodge, an employee of the General Sessions Court for Nashville and Davidson County, for discovering a large scale fraud within the Nashville General Sessions Traffic School.

WHEREAS, in July 2018, Shannon Hodge, an employee of the General Sessions Court for Nashville and Davidson County, noticed that revenue figures in the Nashville General Sessions Traffic School appeared incorrect; and

WHEREAS, upon recognizing the discrepancies, Ms. Hodge began an arduous and painstaking review of traffic school receipts to determine the source of the discrepancies; and

WHEREAS, eventually, through her research, Ms. Hodge determined that traffic school fees appeared to have been waived by General Sessions judges who were in fact no longer in office or on days during which the judge was not presiding according to docket schedules; and

WHEREAS, through her diligence and perseverance, Ms. Hodge discovered a pattern of waived fees averaging approximately \$350.00 per day and eventually determined to total over \$100,000.00 in stolen fees over a six year period; and

WHEREAS, a high percentage of the waived fees were from minority or non-English speaking individuals who had paid cash for their fees; and

WHEREAS, once the theft was detected, the proper authorities were informed and the employee responsible for the theft was charged and eventually pled guilty; and

WHEREAS, Shannon Hodge conducted her research after hours, during her own time when she could have been enjoying personal pursuits and time off; and

WHEREAS, it is proper for the Metropolitan Council to express its enormous gratitude to Shannon Hodge and to recognize the public service of an employee who went above and beyond the call of duty in discovering and reporting an insidious fraud within the justice system.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. That the Metropolitan Council hereby goes on record as honoring the outstanding service and dedication of Shannon Hodge in uncovering theft within the Nashville General Sessions Traffic School.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

INTRODUCED BY:

Sheri Weiner
Member of Council